GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DRAWAL OF GROUND WATER BY SOFT DRINK COMPANY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a franchise company of "Coca Cola" on the beds of 'Thamira Barani' River of Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu, obtained a license from the Government of Tamil Nadu for drawal of ground water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent them from exploitation of ground water?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) As per information furnished by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, M/s. South Indian Bottling Company (P) Limited, who are a manufacturer of soft drinks in the name of Coca Cola has been allotted land in Growth Centre at Gangaikondan, Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. The water for this Growth Centre will be taken from Thamiraparani River. The company is yet to commence production and at present only 80% of civil work has been completed. As per the conditions of allotment, the company cannot dig borewells without obtaining prior permission. The clearance given to the company clearly stipulates that it should not use ground water or borewell water.